Good evening, my name is Melissa MacLeod; I am the Clinical Leader for the ICU and the Senior Behavioral Health Unit. I have been working at Good Samaritan for the past 7 years as an ICU nurse and recently joined the administration team. I am very excited about the acquisition of Caritas Christi by Cerberus Capital Management.

To me, this will mean several things. The financial stability of the hospital will increase job security and allow for further career advancement. As we have seen in surrounding hospitals, the lack of nursing positions and job freezes has been overwhelming. Knowing that Caritas will be expanding their workforce and not decreasing it, brings comfort to me and my fellow co-workers.

From the new emergency room, to new state-of—the art equipment, we will be able to provide the finest medical care in the area. The new facilities will offer a better work environment and enable us to focus on what we are truly here for, the patients.

My mother has worked here at Good Samaritan for almost 40 years. This acquisition gives me the confidence that I may see the same longevity with Caritas.